

House Resolution No. 4460

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, sixty years ago Thomas Virgil Brown took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Sarah Joe Alden, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony that was performed on August 11, 1947, at First Baptist Church of Trenton, Missouri; and

Whereas, six decades later Thomas and Sarah Brown of Trenton observed their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary during 2007; and

Whereas, the marital union of Thomas and Sarah Brown has been richly blessed with the love and affection of their children, Thomas Alden Brown and Anthony Jay and Venus Louise Brown; and

Whereas, Thomas Brown has developed and maintained an excellent reputation in light of his service as a Deacon at Melbourne Baptist Church, the President of the Higginsville Parents Association, a member of the United States Marine Corps who saw combat during World War II, a member of the American Legion, a committee member and Assistant Scoutmaster with Boy Scouts of America Troop 99, an honorary Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and an activist on behalf of persons afflicted with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas, no stranger to honors and accolades, Thomas Brown served a one-year research fellowship at the Johns Hopkins University Institute for Southern Studies and received a National Defense Act Scholarship to the University of Kansas, a Missouri Chamber of Commerce Scholarship to Central Missouri State University, a Wall Street Journal Scholarship to the University of Missouri, and a Brown-Pushkarsky Award for Excellence in Teaching from North Central Missouri College; and

Whereas, Sarah Brown likewise has received acclaim for her membership at Melbourne Baptist Church, participation on the Missouri State and Region II Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Planning Councils, service as President of the Region II MRDD, and heartfelt care of her mother and her son for many years:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Thomas and Sarah Brown and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Thomas and Sarah Brown of Trenton, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jim Whorton
District No. 3

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4460, adopted August 16, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker